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Had a drink with Oatsie Leiter. This evening we went to a tremendous buffet dinner at the Phil Grahams, before attending at the National Theatre the opening of "Mr. President", a production in which Irving Berlin, Josh Logan and Leland Hayward are involved. The Graham do was great fun. Had a genial talk with Arthur Goldberg, who was confirmed today as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court to replace Felix Frankfurter. Arthur is a superior man; poor Felix is miserably crippled.

I've never seen a better looking audience than that viewing "Mr. President". It was a benefit night for the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, with orchestra tickets at $100 apiece. The box office was said to have taken in $60,000. The play was dismal, corny, and hopelessly dated.

Afterwards, most of the spectators climbed into chartered buses and were driven to the British Embassy, where the Ormsby Gores gave a spectacular dance and supper. The President and Jackie Kennedy, ~~as well as a covey of other Kennedys,~~ came on from the theatre and danced vigorously. We went home at 3 p.m., while many others were still hot footing.

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Found, to my joy, John Brown in the office this morning. He does not know whether he will return to official Cultural Relations after the year he has been granted at a small university.

Lunched with dear George Garrett at the Metropolitan. Arranged with him to sell my stock in our joint uranium venture, in which each of us had invested about $900 some years ago. It did not prosper, neither did it fail.

Had another African meeting with Governor Williams, Henry Tasca, Bill Burdett, this afternoon. They are awaiting a report on the outcome of Dean Rusk's conversations with Lord Home in New York.

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His friendships have been almost beyond reckoning.

No man of our time has enjoyed such confidence as has been reposed in him by various statesmen in control of the destinies of their countries.

It was he who, under the extraordinary circumstances when the British made him head of their Purchasing Commission, after the fall of France, dragooned Franklin Roosevelt into issuing orders which Roosevelt then considered impossible of fulfillment, for the production of 50,000 American planes in a year.

It was Monnet who persuaded Churchill to offer mutual citizenship to the French and British, in a last effort to keep alive the Anglo-French [redacted] war effor

It was Monnet who in North Africa was the master mind, inspiring economic planning for the future.

It was Monnet who commandeered the remainder of French financial resources for the rehabilitation of his country, outlined and supervised their expenditure under the "Monnet Plan".

It was Monnet who made the Marshall Plan productive in France.

It was Monnet who invented the Coal & Steel Community, putting to rest age old enmities between France and Germany.

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It was Monnet who devised the European Defense Community, later killed by the French Parliament, calculated to bring about a coordination of military efforts in the Western Alliance.

It was Monnet who brought into being the Common Market.

If ever there is a European Political Union, succeeded by an Atlantic Union, this same Monnet will have been its inspirator.

It is perhaps no exaggeration to say that in the sphere of practical politics he is the counterpart of two great men who operated in the real[m] of intellectual politics--Plato and Aristotle. This is not faint praise.